

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE REID.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 578.008, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to spreading disease to livestock or animals, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 578.008, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 578.008, to read as follows:

578.008. 1. A person commits the crime of spreading disease to livestock or animals if that person purposely spreads any type of contagious, communicable or infectious disease among livestock as defined in section 267.565, RSMo, or other animals.

2. Spreading disease to livestock or animals is a class D felony unless the damage to livestock or animals is ten million dollars or more in which case it is a class B felony.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.